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May 20, 1999

Mr. David Waddell
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In re: Petition of AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. for the Establishment of an Independent Third Party Testing Program, Docket No. 99-00347.

Dear Mr. Waddell,

Enclosed please find for filing an original and thirteen (13) copies of the Petition to Intervene of Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") in the above-captioned docket.

An extra copy of this filing is included. Please date stamp this copy and return to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Tatum Roddy

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BEFORE THE
TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

In re:

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| Petition of AT&T Communications) | |
| of the South Central States, Inc for) | Docket No. 99-00347 |
| the Establishment of an Independent) | |
| Third Party Testing Program) | |

PETITION TO INTERVENE
OF SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.

Comes now Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint"), pursuant to T.C.A. Sec. 4-5-310, and hereby petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") for leave to intervene and participate as a party in the above captioned matter. In support of this Petition, Sprint states:

1. Sprint is authorized to provide interexchange and competitive local exchange services in the State of Tennessee.
2. Sprint's ability to offer competitive local exchange telecommunications services in the State of Tennessee will be directly affected by the development and proper functioning of BellSouth Operational Support Systems ("OSS"). Thus, Sprint's substantial interests will necessarily be affected by the Authority's determinations in this proceeding. Accordingly, Sprint respectfully requests that it be granted leave to intervene and participate fully as a party of record.

3. Sprint will participate fully in this proceeding and will assist the Authority in developing a record upon which it can base its decision. Sprint's participation will not delay the process in this proceeding.

4. Sprint requests that all pleadings and other documents be served upon:

Carolyn Tatum Roddy
Sprint Communications Company L.P.
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WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, Sprint prays that the Authority grant Sprint's Petition to Intervene and that Sprint be made a formal party of record in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of May, 1999.

SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Tatum Roddy".

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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and exact copy of the within and foregoing Petition to Intervene of Sprint Communications Company L.P. in Docket No. 99-00347, via United States mail, postage paid and properly addressed to the following:

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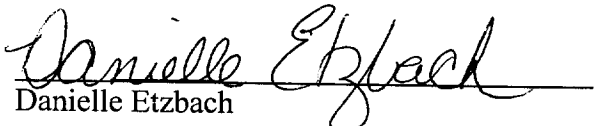
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This the 21st day of May, 1999.


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